

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

OFFICIAL.

WEDNESDAY, October 12, 1892.
The board of supervisors met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the chairman. Roll called. Quorum present. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

A petition was read from Mary J. Palmer, asking the board to cause to be refunded to her, the sum of \$14.89, being the amount of an excessive tax claimed to have been paid by her in the Tenth ward in 1891, and on motion of Mr. Skeels the same was referred to the committee on rejected taxes and the supervisor of the Tenth ward.

A petition of John Seven was read asking that the board cause to be refunded to him an alleged excessive tax paid by him in the Tenth ward in 1891, and on motion of Mr. Benjamin the same was referred to the committee on rejected taxes and the supervisor of the Tenth ward.

The following report was read and on motion of Mr. Benjamin the same was referred to the committee on rejected taxes and the supervisor of the Tenth ward.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County:

Gentlemen—In the matter of the tax of 1891 in the Third ward of the city of Grand Rapids on a lot 11 and 3 feet north and south by 50 feet east and west in northeast corner of a lot of said lot and house, block 2, Withey's addition, assessed to Gerrit Polderman; I find opposite said description the word "poor" written, and think the intent of the supervisor was to exempt said description from the said year's tax; however, he failed to exempt said property, as he extended the regular amount of tax opposite said description, and as the same was not paid it was the duty of the collector to return it unpaid, which he did. The property has since been sold and deeded to M. J. Koltz, and the time of redemption has expired. Therefore, if you desire to relieve said Polderman from said tax, I think it would be necessary to rescind at large on said ward a sum sufficient to satisfy said M. J. Koltz for his claim.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES D. STEINER,
Treasurer of Kent County.

The following report was read, and on motion of Mr. Gould the same was received and ordered spread upon the record:

To the Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors of Kent county:

Gentlemen—Your committee to whom was referred the matter of buying vault fixtures for the new court house, would make the following report:

After a thorough investigation of the vault fixture matter, and much correspondence with other counties, cities and firms using such goods as were needed by this county, we found that only three firms in this country were making them, viz: The Fenton Metallic company, of Jamestown, N. Y.; the Office Specialty company, of Chicago, and the Hoffman-Keefe File company, also of Chicago, each of which firms had submitted bids to previous committees.

Your committee made a thorough and careful canvass of the goods and prices of goods from each of these firms, and found that but one of them would furnish fixtures within the amount fixed by your honorable body, viz: \$5,000.

The original schedule which your committee was ordered to purchase was as follows, and was purchased as per price accompanying schedule:

1200 compressing files at \$1.50.....\$1,800 00

750 roller book shelves at \$1.60.....1,200 00

20 roller book shelves at \$1.87.....37 40

20 roller book shelves at \$2.04.....40 80

2 omnibuses at \$85.00.....170 00

1 omnibus at \$85.00.....85 00

80 upright book stalls at \$1.63.....130 40

24 plain drawers at \$4.08.....97 92

4 plain drawers at \$4.08.....16 32

1 cupboard with Yale lock at \$17.70.....17 70

Total.....\$4,241 74

It was found by your committee that in order to fill required space in the vaults it was necessary to order extra fixtures. For example, the original schedule left the space above the door in the clerk's vault vacant. The space was unsightly and the files were needed and purchased.

Thus seventy-seven files were added to the clerk's vault, thirty-four to the treasurer's vault and fifty files to judge of probate's office, making 161 extra files.

These roller book shelves were added to the clerk's office and twenty-six roller book shelves to the treasurer's vault, making twenty-eight extra book shelves.

Sixteen upright book stalls were added to the treasurer's vault, one omnibus for plain books was ordered for the register of deeds' office and one omnibus for files and books is daily use was ordered for the clerk's office.

The whole amount expended then by your committee is as follows:

Original schedule.....\$4,241 74

EXTRA.

161 compressing files at \$1.50.....241 50

28 roller book shelves at \$1.87.....52 36

18 upright book stalls at \$1.63.....29 34

1 omnibus for plain books.....85 00

1 omnibus for clerk's office.....116 30

Total.....\$4,722 47

Your committee would further report that all of the above fixtures are in daily use, and are giving excellent satisfaction to each county officer who uses them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LEWIS A. SOLOMONS,
F. E. SKEELS,
SIMON SULLIVAN,
Committee on Vault Fixtures.

The following report was read, and on motion of Mr. Skeels the same was accepted, and the committee on public buildings authorized and directed to have the improvements mentioned therein made.

To the Honorable the Board of Supervisors:

Gentlemen—Your committee on buildings beg leave to report that it is the opinion of your committee that in order to get proper ventilation in the vaults of this building, to protect the records, it will be necessary to extend the air flues that now open in the attic, with suitable galvanized iron, to the open air flues that extend above the building. Your committee have had an estimate made and find that it will cost in the neighborhood of one hundred dollars.

Your committee further deem it advisable to cover with asbestos or magnesia covering the steam pipes in the basement wherever necessary, for the purpose of saving heat where not needed, and to regulate the heat in the offices that are occupied. We also have an estimate for this work.

Your committee recommend that this work be done.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN BENJAMIN,
M. J. ULRICH,
H. O. BRAMAN,
R. E. LOOMIS,
L. E. PAIGE,
Committee on Public Buildings.

The annual report of the county superintendent of the poor was read by the clerk, and on motion of Mr. Gould the same was received and laid on the table.

The annual report of the county commissioner of drains was read by the clerk, and on motion of Mr. Skeels the same was referred to the committee on drains.

The special committee appointed to report on the communication of the state highway commission asked for further time until the next January session, and on motion of Mr. Loomis the request was granted.

On motion of Mr. Skeels the board adjourned until tomorrow at 9 o'clock in the forenoon.

THURSDAY, October 13, 1892.

The board of supervisors met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the chairman. Roll called; quorum present.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

A petition was read from C. L. Harvey asking the board to cause to be refunded to him the sum of \$36.28, being the amount of an alleged excessive tax levied against J. A. McKee in the Eighth ward in 1892 and paid by this petitioner, and on motion of Mr. Loomis the same was referred to the committee on rejected taxes and the supervisor of the Eighth ward.

A petition was read from O. Emmons and forty-seven others asking that Charles D. Clark be appointed to the position of superintendent of the Kent county court house, and on motion of Mr. Skeels the same was referred to the committee on public buildings, with power to act.

The annual statement of the auditor general, showing the amount of state tax apportioned to Kent county, was read by the clerk, and on motion of Mr. Emmons the same was referred to the committee on finance.

The committee on poor house building made the following report:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent county:

Gentlemen—Your special committee on poor house building would respectfully report as follows their progress since the last meeting of your honorable body: The construction of the building has progressed in a very satisfactory manner. In accordance with the instructions of this board we have caused the building to be penciled, which has added greatly to its appearance; have also had the building piped for gas and made the change in the basement as contemplated in our last report, except that your committee deemed it best to use hard maple instead of pine for flooring. The clerks have also been built and will be connected with the down spouts from the roof at once. Your committee, pursuant to instructions from your honorable body, procured insurance on the building in amount and in companies as follows:

Grand Rapids Fire Insurance company.....\$5,000 00

Union Insurance company, Philadelphia.....2,000 00

German Insurance company, Rochester.....2,000 00

American Insurance company, Boston.....2,000 00

Total.....\$11,000 00

During the construction of the building your committee found that while the plans and specifications were full and complete, yet some things were not done as well as in their judgment they should be for the interest of the county, and that some changes and improvements were absolutely necessary.

In considering these matters your committee have acted under the belief that your honorable body desired to have everything about the building as nearly perfect as possible, and have caused to be made such changes and improvements as in their judgment would prove a saving to the county in the future and a benefit to the building.

Your committee have paid out of the poor house building fund on accounts

of contracts, extra labor, materials, etc., \$20,215.04, leaving in the said fund the sum of \$4,784.96. In our opinion it will take in all to complete the building as it should be about \$7,000, and as we have \$4,784.96 in our fund, your committee would ask your honorable body to transfer from the general fund to Poor House building fund the sum of \$3,000 which will be an ample sum with which to complete the building.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL D. EMMONS,
CHARLES E. HOGADONE,
JOHN KINNEY,
Committee on Poor House building.

Mr. Frost moved that the report be adopted and the recommendation therein contained concurred in, which prevailed by unanimous vote of all the members of this board, viz: 39 yeas and no nays.

The committee on buildings made the following report and on motion of Mr. Leppink the same was adopted.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:

Gentlemen—Your committee on buildings to whom was referred, with power to act, the resolution for the procuring of carpets and matting for the new court house, respectfully report that they have furnished the several offices, as in their judgment seemed necessary, with either carpet or matting.

Your committee found it necessary to provide suitable hat racks and umbrellas stands for the different offices, which were done by selecting suitable styles and patterns to match the other furniture. The committee also found it necessary to procure water coolers and cuspidors to be distributed throughout the building.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN BENJAMIN,
H. O. BRAMAN,
R. E. LOOMIS,
M. J. ULRICH,
L. E. PAIGE,
Committee on Public Buildings.

The committee on claims made the following report, and on motion of Mr. Ulrich the same was adopted and the accounts allowed as recommended by the committee, a majority of the members elect voting therefor:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County:

Your committee on claims have examined the following claims against the county, and recommend their allowance as follows:

James J. Atkinson, services as stenographer; amount claimed, \$23.90; amount allowed, \$23.90.

James J. Atkinson, assigned to C. L. Harvey, services as stenographer; amount claimed, \$22.60; amount allowed, \$22.60.

James J. Atkinson, assigned to C. L. Harvey, services as stenographer; amount claimed, \$14.40; amount allowed, \$14.40.

A. E. Albertie, repairs on locks; amount claimed, \$7.75; amount allowed, \$7.75.

Bail, Barnhart & Putman, supplies; amount claimed, \$5.85; amount allowed, \$5.85.

Bail, Barnhart & Putman, supplies; amount claimed, \$7.20; amount allowed, \$7.20.

Bail, Barnhart & Putman, supplies; amount claimed, \$1.70; amount allowed, \$1.70.

Eugene Boise, M. D., examining insane person; amount claimed, \$5; amount allowed, \$5.

Berkey & Gay Furniture company, lounge for county physician's office; amount claimed, \$22; amount allowed, \$22.

Christian Bickley, court house fixtures; amount claimed, \$85.35; amount allowed, \$85.35.

Butterworth & Lowe, hardware; amount claimed, \$2.89; amount allowed, \$2.89.

John Benjamin, services on committee on public buildings; amount claimed, \$103.50; amount allowed, \$103.50.

Fred J. Blymeier, repairing old furniture; amount claimed, \$50.59; amount allowed, \$50.59.

Gustave Behnke, straw for jail; amount claimed, \$5; amount allowed, \$5.

Claude W. Botsford, assigned to C. L. Harvey, services as stenographer; amount claimed, \$12.50; amount allowed, \$12.50.

Cherryman & Bowen, undertaker's bill; amount claimed, \$10; amount allowed, \$10.

E. D. Carstens, clock and repairs; amount claimed, \$10; amount allowed, \$10.

H. W. Catlin, M. D., expert witness; amount claimed, \$5; amount allowed, \$5.

C. M. Droste, M. D., expert witness; amount claimed, \$5; amount allowed, \$5.

W. Delano, M. D., expert witness; amount claimed, \$10; amount allowed, \$10.

O. L. Dale, M. D., examining insane person; amount claimed, \$5; amount allowed, \$5.

W. H. DeCamp, M. D., examining insane person; amount claimed, \$5; amount allowed, \$5.

John DeRoe, expert witness; amount claimed, \$10; amount allowed, \$10.

J. Orton Edie, examining insane person; amount claimed, \$10; amount allowed, \$10.

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claimed, \$19.50; amount allowed, \$19.50.

Evening Leader, advertising; amount claimed, \$19.80; amount allowed, \$19.80.

Foster, Stevens & Co., hardware; amount claimed, \$12.51; amount allowed, \$12.51.

Foster, Stevens & Co., hardware; amount claimed, \$54.26; amount allowed, \$54.26.

John Felsenfeld, witness in insane case; amount claimed, \$4; amount allowed, \$4.

David Fortes, repairs on probate seal; amount claimed, 75 cents; amount allowed, 75 cents.

Carnie C. Godwin, services as stenographer; amount claimed, \$10.30; amount allowed, \$10.30.

Carnie C. Godwin, services as stenographer; amount claimed, \$30.16; amount allowed, \$30.16.

S. C. Graves, M. D., examining insane person; amount claimed, \$10; amount allowed, \$10.

Grand Rapids Gas company, fixtures; amount claimed, \$1.10; amount allowed, \$1.10.

H. Hult, M. D., examining insane person; amount claimed, \$20; amount allowed, \$20.

F. S. Hilliard, examining insane person; amount claimed, \$5; amount allowed, \$5.

De Forest Hunt, M. D., examining insane person; amount claimed, \$5; amount allowed, \$5.

Harvey & Heystek, mouldings for court house; amount claimed, 90 cents; amount allowed, 90 cents.

Harvey & Heystek, mouldings for court house; amount claimed, \$185.08; amount allowed, \$185.08.

L. D. Harris, agent, supplies; amount claimed, \$1.46; amount allowed, \$1.46.

L. D. Harris, agent, supplies; amount claimed, \$13.88; amount allowed, \$13.88.

Heyman & Co., hat and umbrella racks; amount claimed, \$108; amount allowed, \$108.

C. M. Kelly, M. D., examining insane person; amount claimed, \$10; amount allowed, \$10.

David Lankester, services superintendent of poor for January, 1892—1 paid; amount claimed, \$65; amount allowed, \$65.

David Lankester, services superintendent of poor for February, 1892—1 paid; amount claimed, \$62.50; amount allowed, \$62.50.

David Lankester, services superintendent of poor for March, 1892—1 paid; amount claimed, \$67.50; amount allowed, \$67.50.

David Lankester, services superintendent of poor for April, 1892—1 paid; amount claimed, \$65; amount allowed, \$65.

David Lankester, services superintendent of poor for May, 1892—1 paid; amount claimed, \$65; amount allowed, \$65.

David Lankester, services superintendent of poor for June, 1892—1 paid; amount claimed, \$65; amount allowed, \$65.

David Lankester, services superintendent of poor for July, 1892—1 paid; amount claimed, \$65; amount allowed, \$65.

David Lankester, services superintendent of poor for August, 1892—1 paid; amount claimed, \$67.50; amount allowed, \$67.50.

David Lankester, services superintendent of poor for September, 1892—1 paid; amount claimed, \$65; amount allowed, \$65.

Leppink & Co., fuel; amount claimed, \$543.19; amount allowed, \$543.19.

R. B. Loomis, witness in insane case; amount claimed, \$2; amount allowed, \$2.

Leonard's Sons & Co., supplies; amount claimed, \$2; amount allowed, \$2.

Leonard's Sons & Co., supplies; amount claimed, \$50.99; amount deducted, \$13; amount allowed, \$67.99.

A. Lindermlider, witness in insane case; amount claimed, \$4; amount allowed, \$4.

Morning Press, advertising; amount claimed, \$1; amount allowed, \$1.

Morning Press, advertising; amount claimed, \$1.75; amount allowed,